WORDS AND THEIR USES, PAST AND PRESENT. A STUDY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. By RICHARD GRANT WHITE. 12mo. pp. 437, Sheldon & Co. The corruptions of English which pass currently among the colloquial expressions of the day may be ascribed in part to the irregular structure of the language, with no Academy to guard against the entrauce of illegitimate phrases, and in part to the perverse and fantastic taste of individuals who wish for better bread than can be made of wheat, and aim at a more striking style than is consistent with the purity of the vernacular. Many of these expressions are not confined to the intercourse of conversation, but have crept into the language of some reputable writers, and more especially, perhaps, to those who contribute to the periodical press. It to the latter class of offenses that have their origin in pretension or affectation, to which Mr. White mainly directs his strictures in the present volume. The suggestions which it offers have already attracted not a little public notice as they passed through the press in a popular magazine, and on the whole have exerted a wholesome influence, although they have not been accepted without comment, and in some cases, more or less remonstrance on the part of several intelligent critics. It is easier, however, disputing Mr. White, than to put him in the wrong. He may appear at times somewhat hasty and selfwilled in the utterance of his verbal decisions; they may be referred to arbitrary individual taste rather than to the laws of the language; but in the end, we imagine, they will be found to grow out of a keen sense of the proprieties of English expression, and to rest on sound analogies, as well as the usage of the most eminent authorities in literature.

It is a question, indeed, what constitutes the final court of appeal in disputed cases of phraseology. Mr. White justly contends that usage cannot be the exclusive and absolute law of language, for then there could be no progressive development of speech corresponding with the acquisition of ideas and the advancement of society. There could be no hope of improvement in popular expression, however corrupt and degraded, no well-founded protest against the most grotesque and disgusting phraseology. The common use of a word, or of a combination of words. even though of a mean and repulsive character, would be the sanction of its legitimacy. But the truth is that many forms of expression find their way into general use, especially into the language of colloquial intercourse, which no plea of custom can excuse, and which must be treated like pestilent weeds in a fertile soil. Speech, Mr. White well remarks, is the product of reason; it might have been added in its spontaneous exercise, not in any act of reflexion; and hence it tends more and more to harmonize itself with reason. If usage, even when sustained by grammatical rules, is opposed to reason, a conflict ensues between logic and precedent in which the former is sure to gain the victory. The question of good English then is to be decided not only by usage, even that of high authorities, but by its consonance with reason, and above all perhaps, with the genius and spirit of the language. In every case, a good deal must be left to personal impression, or tact; no authoritative law can usually be laid down and this gives room for wide diversities of opinion; and will occasion dissent from many of the strictures of the author in this work.

The private conclusions of Mr. White are accordingly of less value to the readers of the present volume than the zeal and unction with which he inveighs against the mental habits that lead to the current abuses of words. He makes perpetual war upon the innate vulgarity which is manifested in vagabond expressions. The force of his examples may not always be recognized, but he never fails to impress the offender against verbal decorum with a cense of the enormity of his misdoing. His severity against the affectation of superior knowledge in the use of language is especially well applied. He has no patience with the pretenders who make up in parade what they lack in reality, and "whose little thoughts let off in enormous phrases sound like firecrackers in an empty barrel." The newspaper press, which is chosen by so many "'prentice hands' as the field for their experiments in phraseology, comes in for a large share of aptly administered rebuke. Nor are our high public officials free from stain in this matter. The language of these virtuous dignitaries, as Mr. White alleges, is often not the improper use of words in the drafting of ost care was taken to secure the correctness and lucidity of his language. Each paragraph was submitted to the revision of a committee on style, without whose sanction not a line was adopted. Herce there is hardly a sentence in the Constitution the meaning of which can be doubted, whatever disputes may arise as to its practical application. But most of the laws enacted at the present day are so obscure in their language, as to bear any construction that may be put upon them by a Court. Indeed some of the laws passed in the last two sessions of Congress have little more coherence or consistency than some of Mother Goose's rhymes."

The use of stilted language, against which Mr. White directs his most pointed anothemas, he admits, ts not peculiar to this country, although it is the natural fruit of the superficial culture of a restless. self-confident, and ambitious people, and is common in our newspapers, in legislative debates, and even in the pulpits of certain religious denominations. In his opinion, there are more people here than elsewhere to whom such a style is a nuisance. But they are disposed to remain quietly in the background, while the conceited, and comparatively Illiterate, members of society are brought to the front.

The faults of English writers in the use of their mother tongue are pointed out by Mr. White in a series of acute criticisms, the force of which it is not easy to set aside. He does not undertake to determine whether English is better spoken, on the whole, throughout the United States than throughont Great Britain, but he is confident that of the language common to the people of both countries, no purer form is known to she Old England than to the New. The standard among educated and wellbred persons is the same in both, although in a mixed company of English and Americans, if their words were taken down in writing, the former would most probably show more slang phrases, and a greater amount of familiar deviations from correct English speech. But though the written amguage exhibite he strong peculiarities in either class, there is a great difference in intonation. The sheep are known from the goats by their bleat. The pitch of the Englishman's voice is higher than that of the American's, and he uses the rising inflection with greater frequency and effect. The voice of the former is usually formed higher in the throat than that of the latter who speaks from the chest with a graver monotone. To a delicate ear, this distinction is strongly marked; but there is no other difference; for, as a rule, the pronunciation is exactly the same. We are not certain of the correctness of Mr. White's statements in regard to this point. It is true that the solemn monotone of Daniel Webster is rarely beard from English speakers. But it is perhaps equally true that it is rarely heard in this country. Emerson is an example of it, but his style of speaking is confessedly unique. Dr. Channing was a notable instance of the contrary; the rising inflection predominated in his elocution, especially in the reading of sacred poetry; and he would often read a long piece of verse with scarcely a cadence from beginning to end. John Quincy Adams was an example of the same style; so was Calhoun; and with John Randolph, the voice was on so high a pitch, as in his spasms of strong excitement to become a shrick. The sharp American tones which so extensively prevail in colloquial intercourse in this country, especially among women, are seldom heard in the cultivated classes of English society. The Englishman is usually more sonorous than the American; his words have a more elastic rebound; they come from a more open mouth as well as from a

greater force of emphasis, changing with the emotion or idea; the expression is loss mechanical, mo intellectual; and indicates a greater carnesto conviction, a more transparent candor of atterance, with more confidence of assertion than love of concession. This is remarkably the case with Englishwomen. With no lack of feminine softness in their enunciation, they speak as if they meant what they said. The words warble on their lips, but their vocal charm is not at the expense of force. They do not drop from the corners of the mouth as if by accident, but are propelled boldly from the front, with

full consciousness of their purpose. The innovations in the use of English words by English writers of eminent name, which Mr. White condemns with most judicious censure, have znostly sprung up within the last hundred years. Among the strange expressions which he comments on, that of "directly," in the sense of "as soon as," is shown up without mercy. He is unable to trace the course of this monstrosity, but he pronounces it to be without excuse or palliation. Nor does he omit a strong pro test against its introduction by American writers. Even his warm admiration of Yir. Howells's charming book, "Italian Journeys," cannot tempt him to withhold his protest against the use of this expression which he ascribes to the deleterious influences of foreign travel. "Directly I found the house inhabited." instead of "When I found the house inhabited ;" " directly we got out of our city gate," instead of "As soon as we got out of our city gute," are examples of a British offense against the English language, of which Mr. Howells is the first born and bred American who has been guilty. The author exhorts that fascinating writer to speedy repentance, although he administers the reproof in as kindly a spirit as Izaak Walton recommends to his gentle angler. The other examples quoted from Mr. Howells, "a house on the street," instead of " in the written over the signature," instead of 'under the signature;" "to settle for wine," of "to pay for wine," are evidently American, and not English, and had their origin in the West, that fruitful nursery of brave men and free speech. The Anglicisma "drive" and "ride," and "sick" and "ill," Mr. White conclusively proves to be contrary to the true English idiom, but they have come to be so generally looked upon as a sign of "gentility," that they will doubtless continue to hold their place in good

We take leave of this interesting volume with thanks to the author for the valuable service which he has rendered to the English language in pointing out the abuses to which it has been made subject, and the errors which are of common occurrence in its colloquial and literary use. It is easy to say that he might have made a compact and methodical treatise on the subject, instead of this collection of desultory essays. But he has accomplished what he has aimed at in his own mind, without adopting the plans or suggestions of others. He makes no pretensions to being infallible, although his tone is often somewhat oracular. In many instances, he may not be altogether free from faults of expression, which would afford tempting materials to critics as vigilant and alert as himself. His style, moreover, though sinewy and vigorous, with a pungent flavor of the old English soil, and savoring of an earlier day of literature than our own, is often complicated and semetimes obscure, without the flowing grace which, with his rare literary accomplishments and practice, he could easily command, but which he has doubtless preferred to sacrifice to higher qualities. But with whatever defects of execution, his work is a substantial offering to the interests of good letters in this country. It will serve to raise the standard of American scholarship, and assist our writers to recognize their errors, which is a prime condition of the attainment of excellence.

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| Second Content of the Content of t THURSDAY, Dec. 15-P. M During the early dealings the stock market as rather firm on improved prices, but shortly after noon the principal shares were vigorously attacked, and decilned i to 1; per cent, carrying down the entire list in sympathy. There was quite a panie in Union Pacific securities both here and in Boston, the income bonds selling down to 40, and the stock as low as 111 in the latter city. Various rumors are affoat to account for this marked decline; but as some of these affect personal credits, and seem to have no sufficient authority, we Western Union was strong in the forenoon, with large sales at 461; but later in the day it seemed to catch the 'fallen sickness," and sold down to 45‡, and looked for the time as weak as the rest. A very uneasy feeling prevails in money circles, and especially in regard to railway bonds, and stocks held upon hy pothecation, in consequence of the marked decline in such stocks as the Union Pacific, and the distrust manifested in regard to others. And this, no doubt, has

Express shares were quiet. The following were the highest and lowest prices for the day : N. Y. Cen'l & Hud. Lowest. N. Y. Cen'l & Hud. Lowest. Lowest. N. Y. Cen'l & Hud. Cuf. #1 56 Ohno and Mississippi. 304 Sirie. 23 Th. New Jersey Central 105 Reading. 80 97 Hudno Pacific. 115 Lake Shore. 03 92 Humbhal & St. Jo. Prof. 110 North Western Prof. 84 89 Pacific Mail. M. Lowest. 105 North Western Prof. 84 89 Pacific Mail. 41 Rock Island. 109 108 B. H. & Erie. 1 1 Missuakee & St. Paul. 56 56 U. S. Express. 33 Columbia Coleman Benedict's closing quotations were:

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The larger dealings at the board to-day were in the

specialties of yesterday. Investment securities were

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made apparent, the rates on call being 6 per cent on pledges of Government bonds and 7 per cent on railway collateral, while at the close we hear of transactions as high as 7 per cent in coin, and 1 of 1 per cent commission added to the legal currency rate. We also learn that the representatives of some of the Canadian banks were refusing loans on any collateral except Government bonds, and their hesitation in lending on railways doubt-less stimulated the downward movement in stocks. The payment into the Treasury for the gold bought yester-day was calculated to add to the stringency, though sellers of bonds to the Government to-day were allowed the option of delivering the same to-day Another and more prominent reason for the scarcity of money was the calling in of loans by some of the City banks, preparatory to the payment by the Con troller of certain obligations done to-day. These pay nents may be scheduled as follows: On City b \$2,354,900; interest on City bonds, \$82,846; on County onds, \$1,206,500; and interest on County bonds, \$43,034 making a total of \$3,687,280. As these sums will speedily find their way again into circulation, the stringency is not likely to be permanent, unless aggravated by artiflcial means, though we hear that a formidable movement in this direction is being projected. The Discount market is firm, though rates have not yet responded to the sharp turn in money on call, and prime paper moves as

The gold market is strong on small dealings, the firm

less being the result of lower prices for bonds in Lon don and fears of further imbroglies arising out of the Luxemburg question. As usual, our dispatches from Europe are two days old. The range of the price has seen 111@1111, with late sales at the intermediate frac tion. The carrying rates were 2, 3, 4, 6, and 5 per cent. The day's business at the Gold Exchange Bank was as follows: Gold cleared, \$50,255,000; gold balances, \$1,174, 762; and currency balances, \$1,407,220. The following were the quotations:

The day's business at the U. S. Sub-Treasury was : #2,722,805 67 Currency payments. #890 308 62 3,042,803 01 Currency balance... 7,411,239 75 66,327,335 13 Customs. 734,000 00

Foreign Exchange has been strong, and leading trawers have advanced their rates. The following are the quotations : Prime bankers' sterling bills on London, 1994 100 2 100

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